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FOLLOWING REPEAT ABU DHABI 252 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 03 FEB 75

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 0252

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, UN, TC

SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC)

REF: STATE 023515

1. DCM CALLED ON ABDULLAH MAZRU'I, UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND NUMBER THREE IN MFA, TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTION ON PART OF UAEG TO UNFDAC. MAZRU'I LISTENED CAREFULLY TO PRESENTATION, TOOK NOTES AND EXPRESSED PLEASURE WHEN DCM OFFERED TO SUBMIT AIDE-MEMOIRE SUMMARIZING KEY POINTS. MAZRU'I COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT THIS WAS WORTHWHILE HUMANITARIAN CAUSE WHICH UAEG SHOULD SUPPORT AND UNDERTOOK ON RECEIPT AIDE-MEMOIRE TO WRITE MEMO TO THIS EFFECT TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. DCM PROMISED REPORT THIS POSITIVE RESPONSE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UAEG WOULD BE ABLE MAKE SUBSTANTIAL AND SUSTAINING CONTRIBUTION CONSISTENT WITH ITS ESTABLISHED RECORD OF GENEROSITY AND ITS MEANS.

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2. COMMENT: WE HAVE EVERY REASON BELIEVE THAT MAZRU'I

WILL CARRY THROUGH THE PLEDGE TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM
GOVERNMENT COUNCIL FOR CONTRIBUTION FROM UNFDAC.
IT WOULD, MOREOVER, BE CONSISTENT WITH UAEG PAST
PERFORMANCE FOR GOVERNMENT TO GIVE SUCH APPROVAL FOR
THIS BASICALLY NON-CONTROVERSIAL, HUMANITARIAN CAUSE.
PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS THAT UAEG BEGINNING FEEL SQUEEZE
AS FOREIGN COMMITMENTS AND GROWING DOMESTIC REQUIREMENTS
START REACH LIMITS OF EVEN ITS RESOURCES. WE BELIEVE
CHANCES OF SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC WOULD
THEREFORE BE INCREASED IF UAEG UN PERM REP COULD BE
PERSUADED TO GIVE CAUSE SOLID ENDORSEMENT VIA MESSAGE
TO MFA. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT
USUN TO MAKE FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO UAE PERM REP IN
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